

### New Septic Drain Method Revealed Here

The conventional septic tank and drainage field has solved sewage disposal satisfactorily on country homes for years. But one insistent weakness of the system, especially in areas of clay soil, has been the failure of leaching fields to dispose of water from the tank.

This month a promising new idea in the handling of leaching fields was announced.

Septic tanks settle solids and pass out a liquid which carries a heavy load of dissolved solids and bacteria in suspension. The job of the leaching field is to percolate away the liquid, and to convert the solid material into a soluble form by oxidizing action.

Up to now the answer to drainage problems has always been "extend your drainage ditches." Elaborate tables have been worked out to give you an ideal drain ditch length—based on the percolation rate of your own particular soil. But even extending your drain line does not always work. And when you have a small lot, extension may be inconvenient or impossible.

To Mr. Fred Horne, of Robles Del Rio, California, the obvious solution to this leaching problem was simply to supply air to all the soil in the leaching field. Mr. Horne is a supplier of septic tank chemicals and has done considerable research on the subject.

He found that one material—pumice—when mixed with soil, would permanently aerate the leaching field, and promote a considerable amount of water movement laterally as well as downward.

Pumice drain fields are now being installed commercially in Torrance.

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